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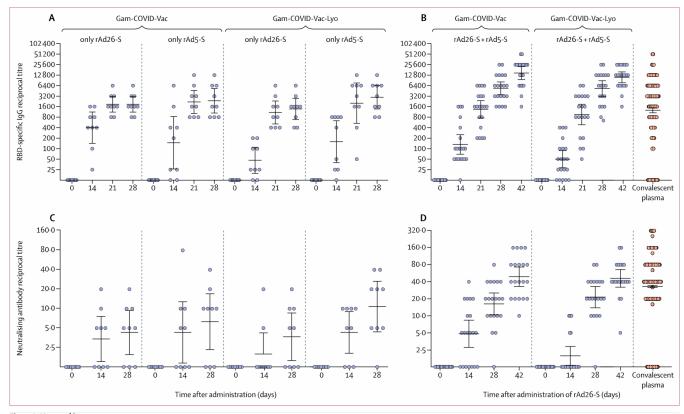


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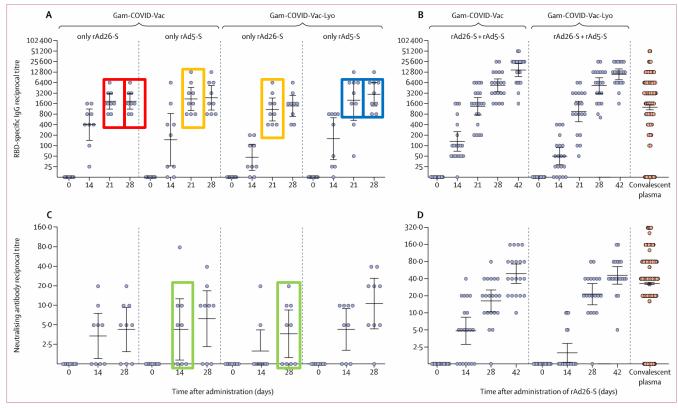


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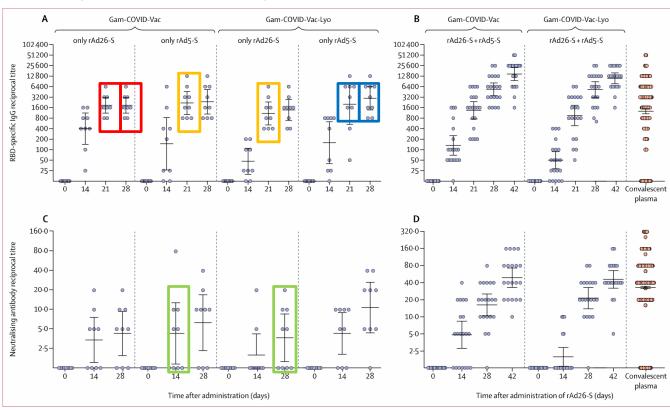


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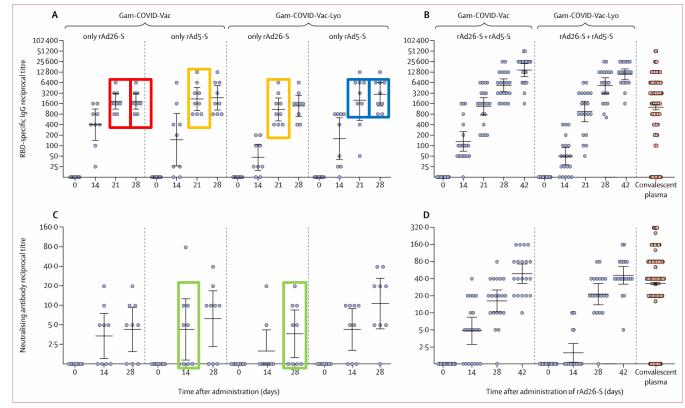


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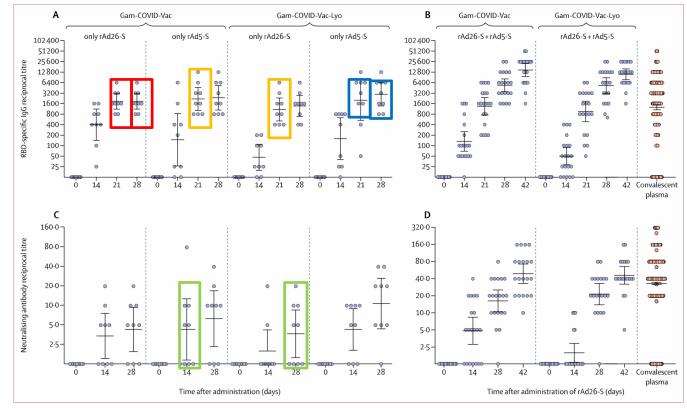


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"We really are trying to make sure that people of colour, who have been disproportionately impacted, will also have priority — but for the factors that put them at risk, not highlighting just their racial and ethnic make-up," says Helene Gayle, president and chief executive of the Chicago Community Trust in Illinois and a co-chair of the NASEM committee that drafted the proposal.

Faden says the recommendations acknowledge the current focus on racial injustice in the United States. "I was reading to see: does this report speak to the cultural moment in the United States, does it speak to racism and other forms of structural inequality? And it does," she says.

The WHO's strategic advisory group will continue to update its guidance, first to assign rankings to its priority groups, and then to include real data from vaccine trials, such as

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when handing out vaccines — assuming that one has been proved safe and people are willing to take it.

Trump has been rooting for a vaccine to be ready by November, in time for the US presidential election — but a perception that the vaccine has been rushed could erode trust in it, says Sandra Crouse Quinn, a behavioural scientist at the Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland in College Park. This could make vaccine-allocation plans less effective.

RESEARCHERS QUESTION RUSSIAN COVID VACCINE TRIAL RESULTS

Scientists flag trial findings that seem to be duplicated and call for access to the underlying data.

By Alison Abbott

group of researchers have expressed concern about repetitive patterns of data in a paper describing early-phase clinical trials of Russia's coronavirus vaccine – the first jab worldwide to be approved for widespread use.

In an open letter to the study authors, who published the trial results! this month, the researchers highlight values that seem to be duplicated, and warn that the paper presents its results only as box plots, without providing a detailed breakdown of the data on which they are based. "While the research described in this study is potentially significant, the presentation of the data raises several concerns which require access to the original data to fully investigate", the letter says. It has been signed by almost 40 scientists (see go.nature.com/3kqvsqv).

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"To see such similar data patterns between unrelated measurements is really not likely," says Konstantin Andreev, who studies viral respiratory infections at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. "These discrepancies are not minor." Andreev had been independently concerned about aspects of the clinical trial, and signed the open letter shortly after it was made public.

"We are not alleging scientific misconduct, but asking for clarification about how these apparently similar data points came about," says Bucci. "When we read reports that Russia had started to inject the vaccine into people outside clinical trials, we felt we had to speak out immediately." Late-phase clinical trials of the vaccine, which will involve tens of thousands of people, began on 26 August.

The paper's underlying data should be made available, says epidemiologist Michael Favorov, president of DiaPrep Systems, a diagnostics company in Atlanta, Georgia. "We have a lot of questionable data - in terms of its presentation," he says. "Maybe the data are good - we can't judge." He adds that the decision to publish the reports without the underlying data seems unusual. By contrast, when clinical studies involving a coronavirus vaccine that was developed by the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford, UK, were published in the same journal, they were accompanied by a large amount of supplementary data that other researchers were able to scrutinize (P. M. Folegatti et al. Lancet 396, 467-478; 2020).

The Russian paper's lead author, Denis Logunov at the Gamaleya National Research Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow, did not respond to requests for comment from Nature's news team. But he told the Russian news outlet Meduza that he did not intend to respond to the open letter. He denied that there were errors in the publication, and stated that measured antibody levels were "exactly as they were presented" in the figures. He added that he was in contact with The Lancet and "was ready to clarify any issues".

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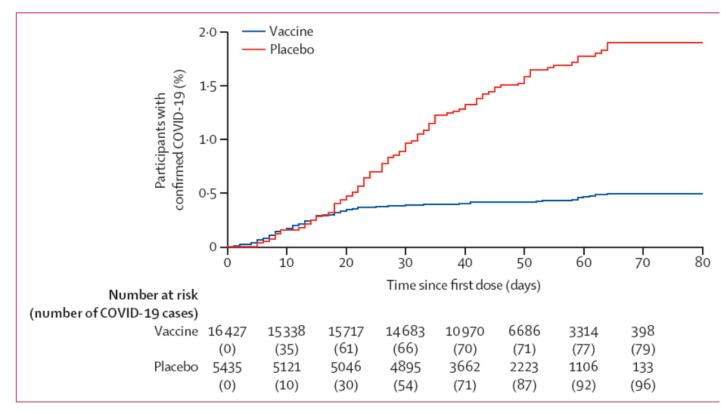


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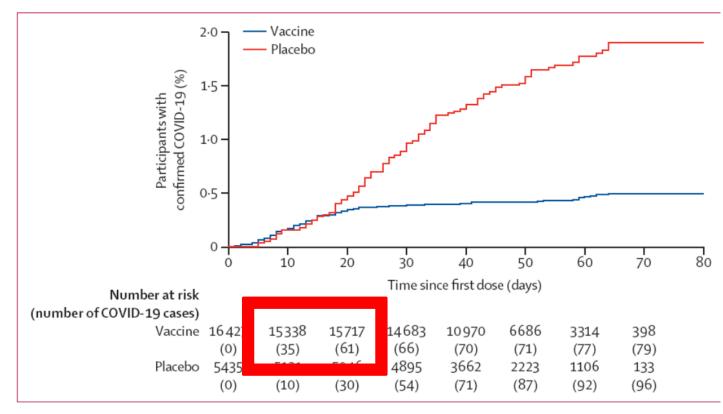


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	Total cases	Vaccine group	Placebo group	Vaccine efficacy (95% CI)	p value
First COVID-19 occurr	ence fron	n 21 days after dose	1 (day of dose 2)*		
Overall	78	16/14964 (0·1%)	62/4902 (1.3%)	91-6% (85-6-95-2)	<0.0001
Age group (years)					
18-30	5	1/1596 (0·1%)	4/521 (0.8%)	91.9% (51.2-99.3)	0.0146
31-40	17	4/3848 (0.1%)	13/1259 (1.0%)	90.0% (71.1-96.5)	<0.0001
41-50	19	4/4399 (0.1%)	15/1443 (1.0%)	91.3% (73.7-96.9)	<0.0001
51-60	27	5/3510 (0.1%)	22/1146 (1.9%)	92.7% (81.1–97.0)	<0.0001
>60	10	2/1611 (0·1%)	8/533 (1·5%)	91.8% (67.1–98.3)	0.0004
Sex					
Female	32	9/5821 (0.2%)	23/1887 (1.2%)	87-5% (73-4-94-2)	<0.0001
Male	46	7/9143 (0·1%)	39/3015 (1.3%)	94-2% (87-2-97-4)	<0.0001
Moderate or severe cases	20	0/14964	20/4902 (0.4%)	100% (94·4–100·0)	<0.0001
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Any time after dose 1	175	79/16 427 (0-5%)	96/5435 (1.8%)	73.1% (63.7-80.1)	<0.0001
From 14 days after dose 1	109	30/14999 (0.2%)	79/4950 (1.6%)	87.6% (81.1–91.8)	<0.0001
First COVID-19 occurr	ence afte	r dose 2 (28 days aft	er dose 1)*		
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31-40	17	4/3848 (0.1%)	13/1259 (1.0%)	90.0% (71.1–96.5)	<0.0001
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Source	Date	Rate of cases in vaccine group	Rate of cases in placebo group	Efficacy
Press release [9]	11/11/2020	4	16	92%
Press release [10]	11/24/2020	8/14,095	31/4,699	91,397%
Press release [11]	12/14/2020	16/17,032	62/5,682	91,391%
Lancet Article [1]	Database lock of 11/24/2020	16/14,964	62/4,902	91,546%

Table 1: efficacy of the vaccine in press releases and Lancet article [1]

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Concerns with the Sputnik V vaccine data

Dear Editor

In a commissioned commentary, Chris Baraniuk reviews the "knowns and unknowns" about Russian vaccines against Covid-19, with a specific focus on Sputnik V [1]. While the commentary correctly emphasizes the inconsistencies identified in the phase 1/2 trial results published in the Lancet [2], it mainly discusses the more recently published phase 3 trial results [3].

Our previous concerns regarding the phase 1/2 trial included problematic data patterns with an excess homogeneity of vaccine efficacy across different time points [4]. The authors responded that the unusual data pattern was "a coincidence" due to the small sample size of their study and the discrete distributions of their outcomes [5].

Following such a reasoning, inconsistencies should not be expected in the subsequent larger phase 3 trial. However, we noticed an unexpected homogeneity of vaccine efficacy, this time between age groups. This analysis is central in the Lancet paper at issue because of the disproportionate disease burden in older people. Of course, implausible results can still be observed by chance. However, we have also identified a similar feature, i.e. an excessive homogeneity of the reported vaccine efficacy in the values reported in earlier interim analyses and the published article.

On 11 November 2020, a first press release announced a 92 % efficacy [6]. From this press release we can compute that there were four Covid cases in the vaccine group and 16 in the placebo group. On 24 November 2020, a second press release announced a 91% efficacy with 8/14,095 cases in the vaccine group and 31/4,699 in the placebo group [7]. On 14 December 2020 a third press release announced again a 91% efficacy with 16/17 032 cases in the vaccine group and 62/5 682 in the placebo group [8]. Much to

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Numerical inconsistencies were simple typing errors that were formally corrected.

The homogeneity of the values only confirms the fact that, as described in the Article, the effectiveness of the vaccine does not differ between age groups. In this case, the main parameter by which one can judge the difference in effectiveness is the confidence interval, the differences in which are quite significant due to the different sample sizes and the number of COVID-19 cases at the time of analysis.

ESSAY

Covid-19: Sputnik vaccine rockets, thanks to Lancet boost

Journals risk being used in place of regulators when they publish studies of novel vaccines that have not yet been authorised by a major regulator. **Chris van Tulleken** argues that peer review is inadequate to decide the risk-benefit ratio of new drugs

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It is unclear exactly when the EMA will render its judgment on Sputnik V, especially considering the concerns about clotting problems that have since emerged with vaccines using similar adenovirus vector platforms. If it is authorised, Sputnik V will be a boost to global health, an idea which the *Lancet*, under Richard Horton, has championed with a radical approach. Perhaps their early endorsement of Sputnik is consistent with this, but, just as this episode raises questions about the *Lancet*'s commitment to open data, it also raises questions about the depth of the other commitments that they place under the banner "the best science for better lives."



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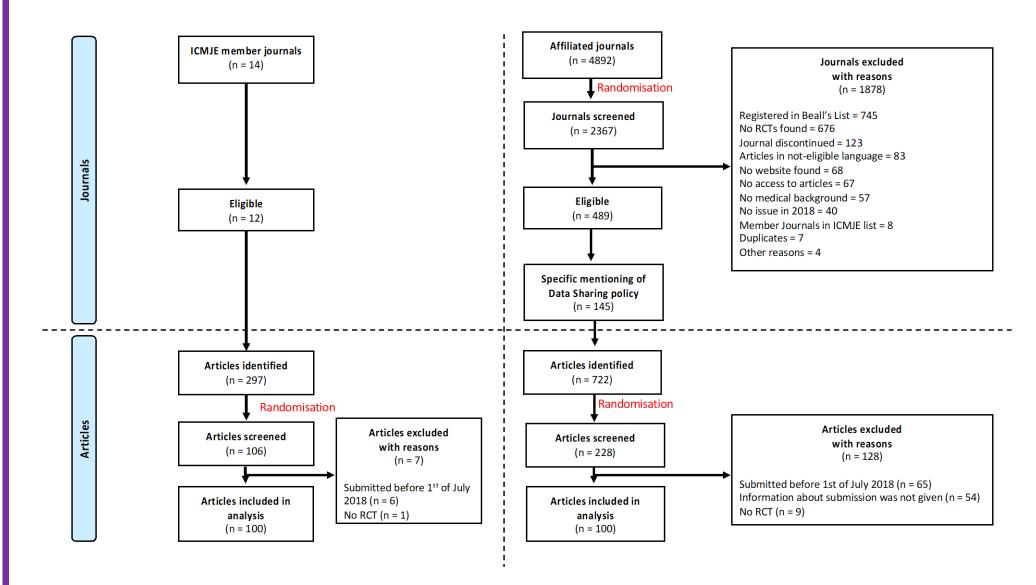
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Are these requirements implemented?

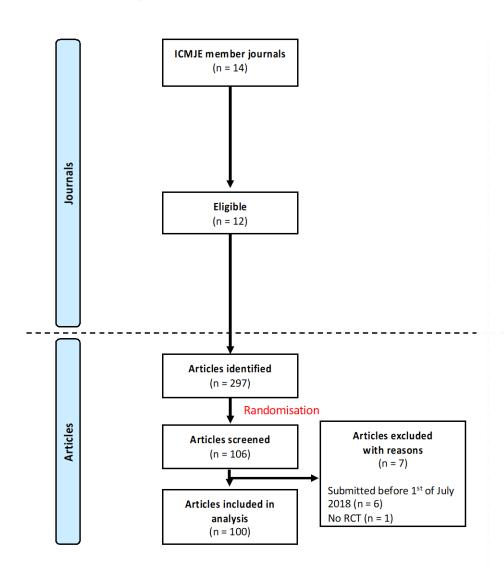
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- . 3 were more stringent than the ICMJE requirement,
- . 1 was less demanding,
- . 4 were compliant,
- 5/14 stated that they followed ICMJE requirements,
- 1/14 had no policy online.

12/14 had published RCTs

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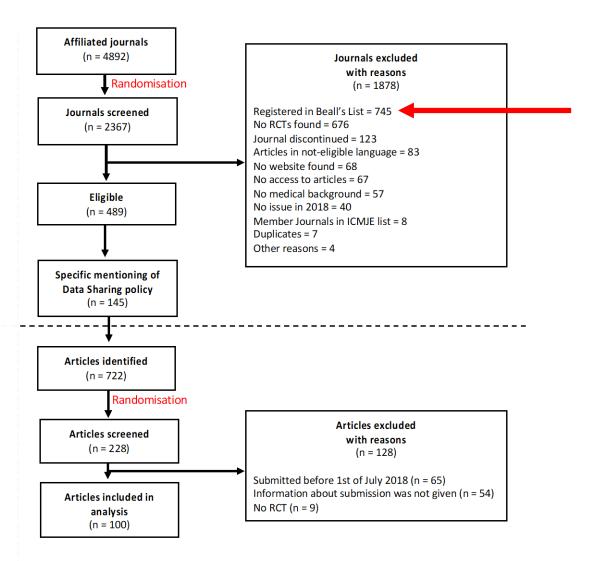
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- 145/489 (30 % [26% to 34%]) had an explicit data-sharing policy
- . 11 were more stringent than the ICMJE requirements
- . 85 were less demanding
- . 49 were compliant
- 276/489 (56% [52% to 61%]) merely referred to ICMJE requirements.

Publisher and wealth category of country of journal offices remained associated with the explicit mention of a data-sharing policy in multivariate analysis.

In RCTs published in affiliated journals with an explicit data-sharing policy:

- Data-sharing statements were rare (25%)
- Expressed intentions to share data were found in 22% [15% to 32%] papers.



Funders' data-sharing policies in therapeutic research: A survey of commercial and non-commercial funders

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COMMERCIAL FUNDERS

Forty-one (of 100; 41%) had a data-sharing policy.

Among funders with a data-sharing policy, in a survey of 100 RCTs registered on clinicaltrials.gov:

- . Data-sharing statements were present for eighty-one (81% [72% 88%]) registered RCTs.
- . Intention to share data was expressed in 59% [49% 69%] of registered RCTs.

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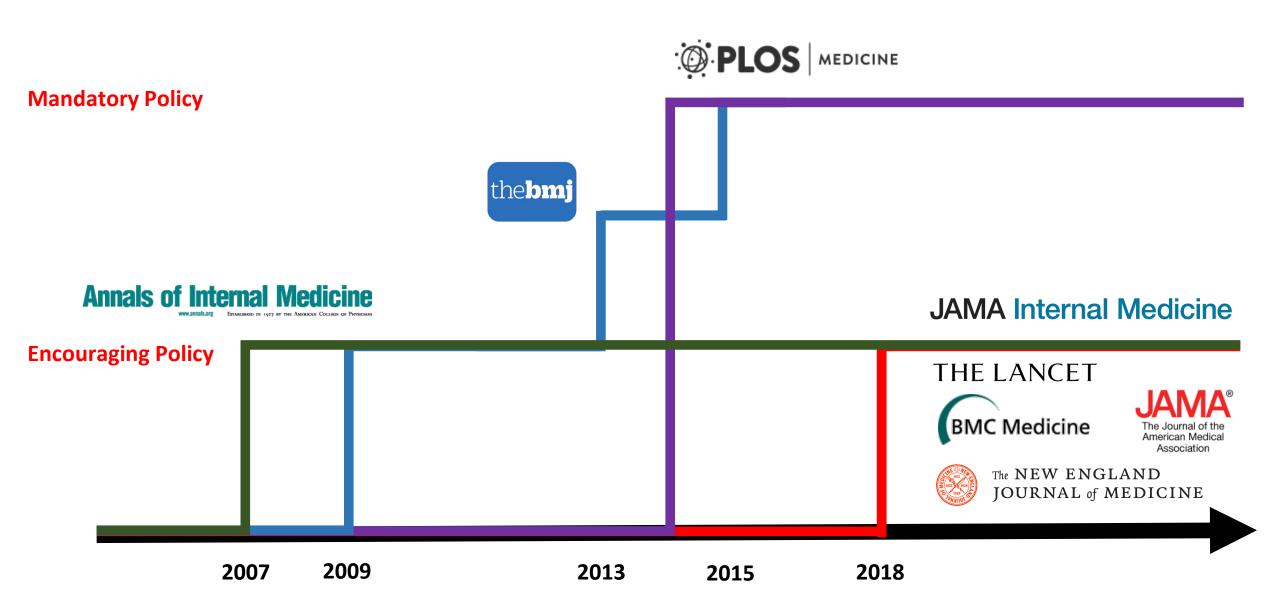
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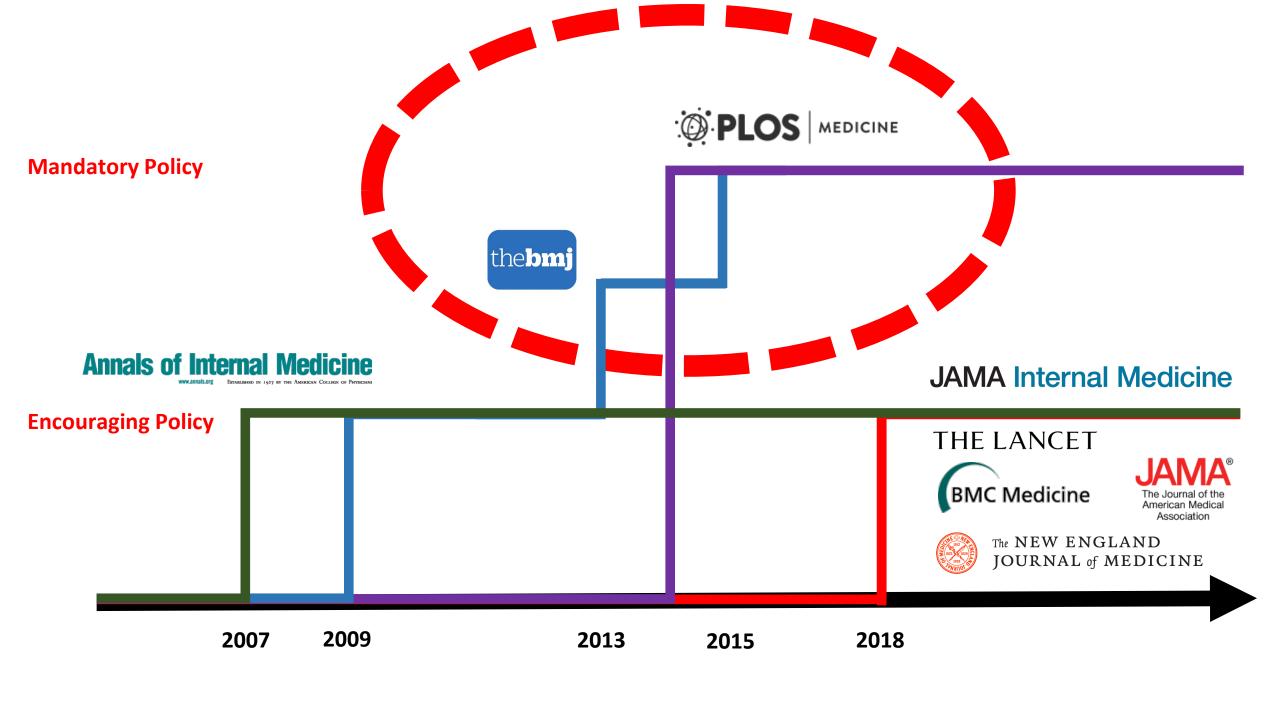
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- . Intention to share data was expressed in 12% [7%-20%] of registered RCTs.

What can we learn from previous experiences?







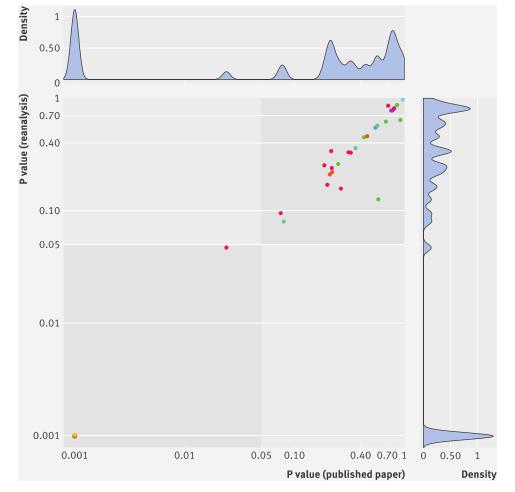


Fig 2 | P values in initial analyses and in reanalyses. Axes are on a log scale. Blue indicates identical conclusion between initial analysis and reanalysis. Dots of same colors indicate analyses from same study

Data sharing and reanalysis of randomized controlled trials in leading biomedical journals with a full data sharing policy: survey of studies published in *The BMJ* and *PLOS Medicine*

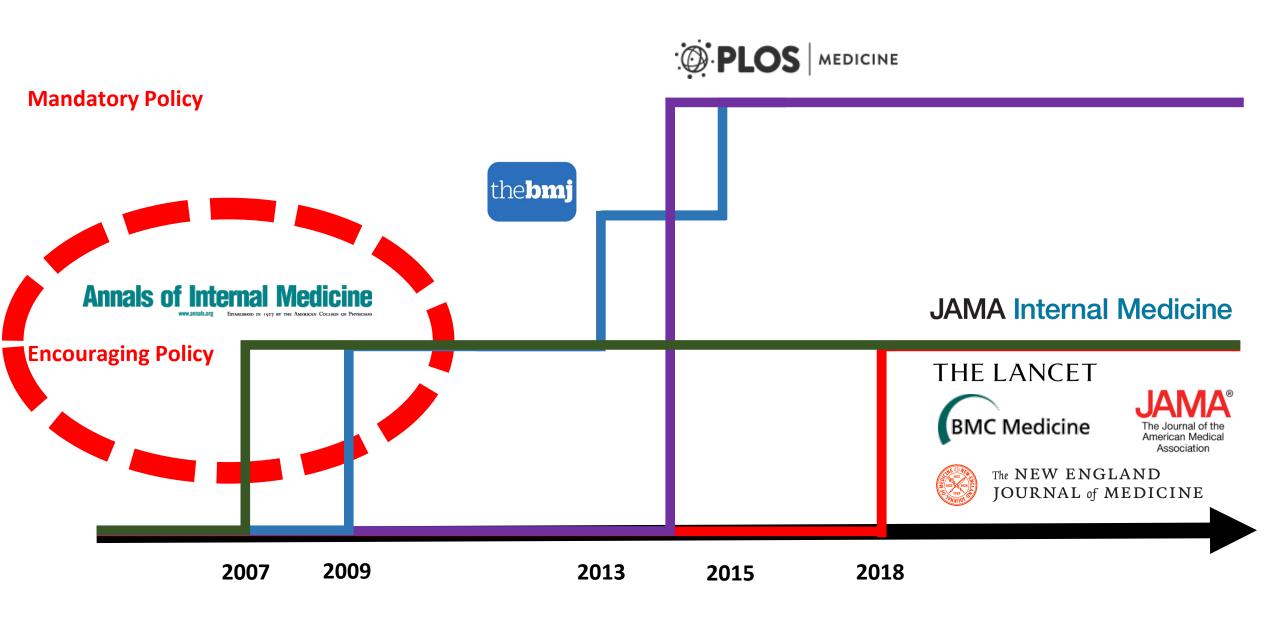
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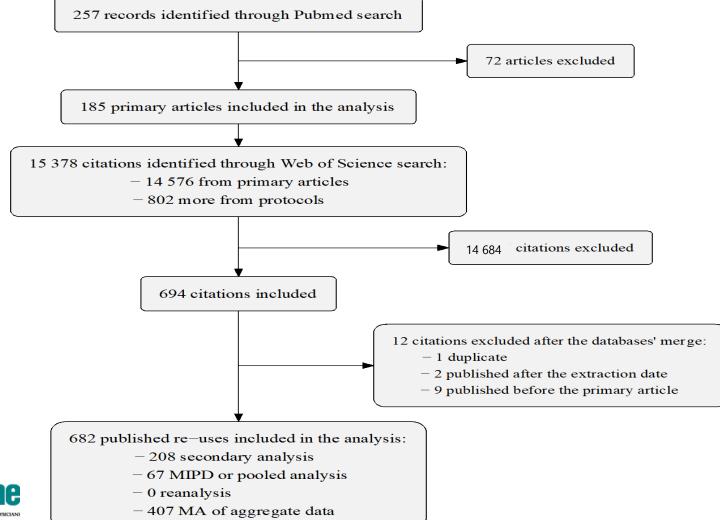
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One paper did not provide enough information in the Methods section to reproduce the analyses



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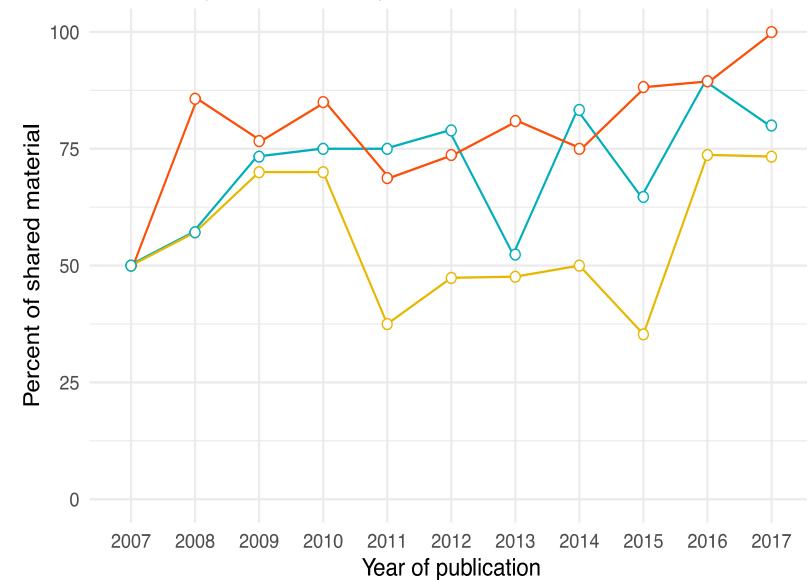
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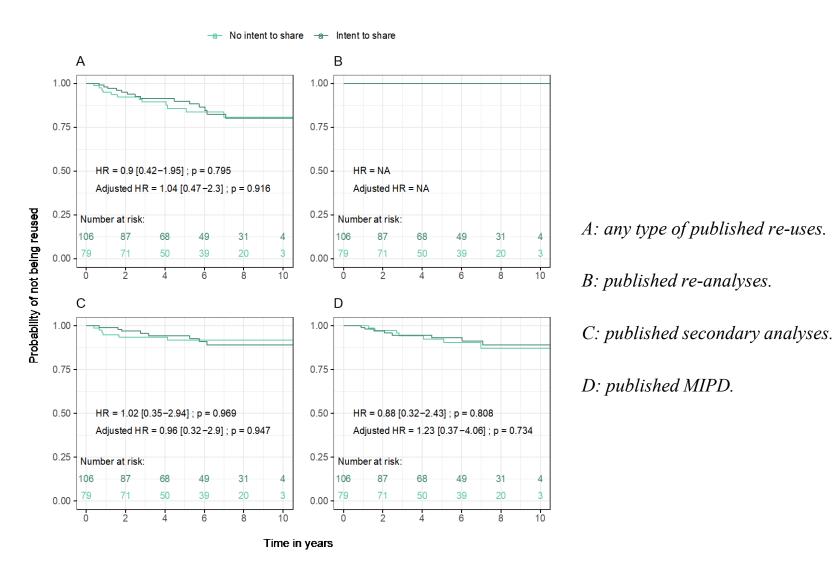
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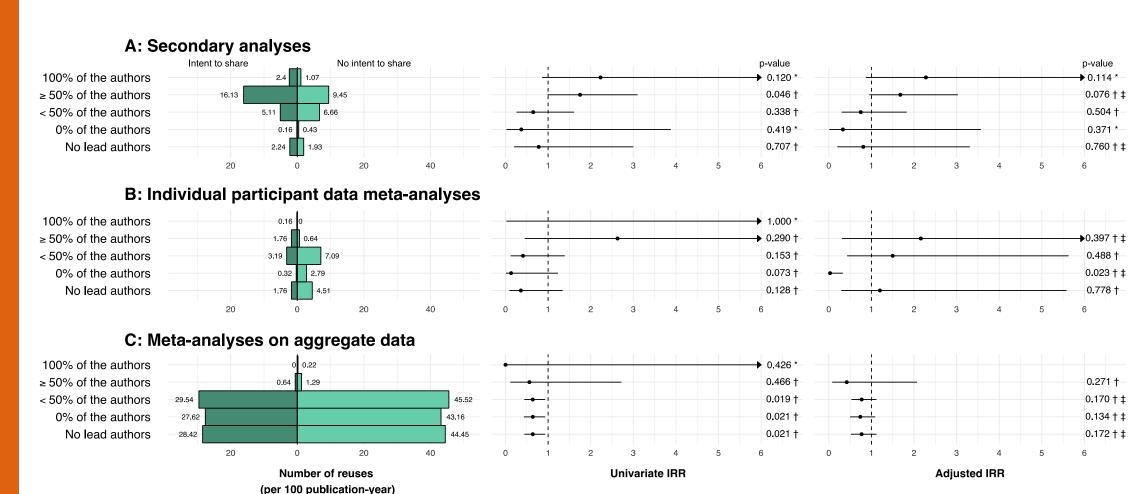
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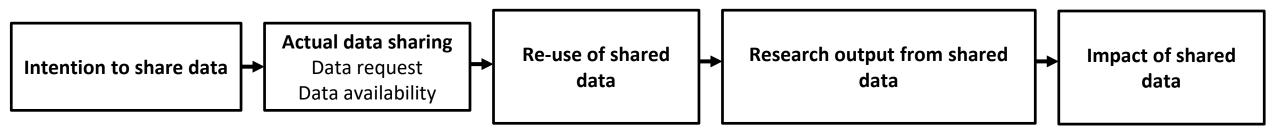
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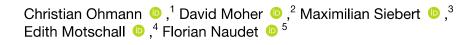


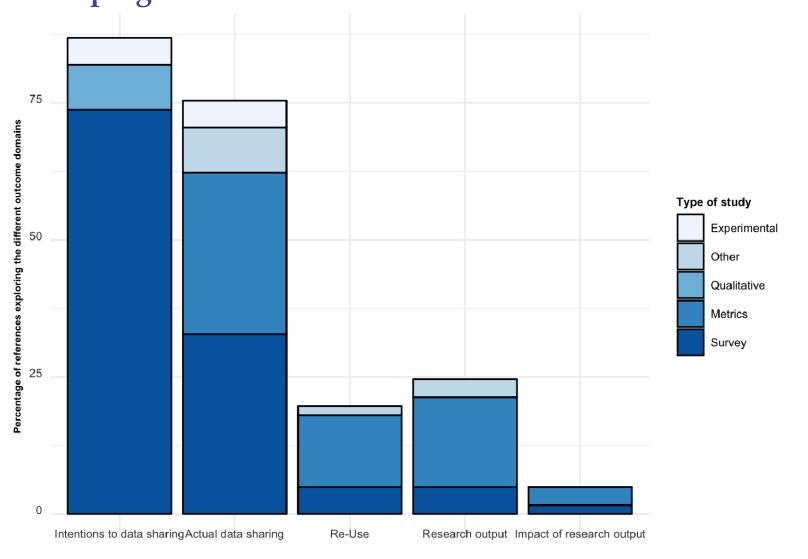


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Status, use and impact of sharing individual participant data from clinical trials: a scoping review





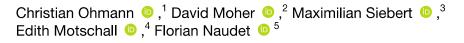
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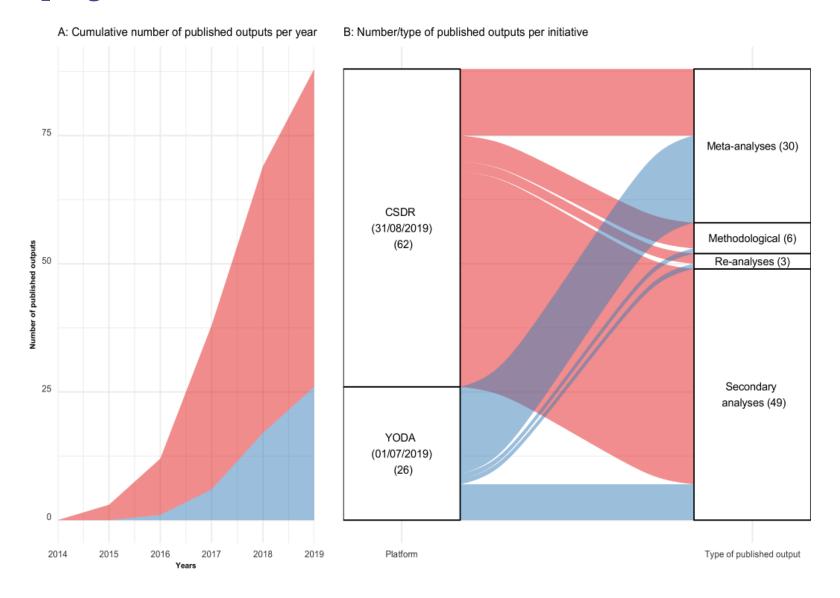
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Outcome domains	Outcomes	Elde	Siling,	Metrics	Onan	other	0	5	10	15	20
	For trialists	1				T .					
	Intentions to share data	2	18								
	Existence of a data sharing plan/data sharing statement		6								
	Type of data sharing plan		4								
	Support for data sharing		2					_			
	Willingness to store IPD in a central repository, conditions for storage		1								
	Most pressing ethical issues		1			T .					
	Response to a request for data sharing and time to response	1				T .					
	Preparedness for DS	1									
	For publishers/funders										
Intentions to data sharing	Existence of a data sharing policy/intent to share		15								
monato to data onamig	Type of data sharing policy		8								
	Journals requiring participant level data		1		-						
	Prohibiting data sharing in agreements with industry		1		- :						
	Existence of a data sharing policy for clinical trial units		1			+ : -					
	For trial participants		· ·								
	Willingness to share data		4		1						
	Barriers to share data		2		1						
	Patient Opinions on the Release of Deidentified Individual-Patient Data	· ·	3								
	Views, experience and attitudes towards DS				2	<u> </u>					
	Information in consent forms		1			- : -					
	For re-users (e.g. IPD meta-analysts)	T									
	Data availability (yes/no)	3	13			2					
	Data release after a request		4	1	- :	-					
	Data availability (time)	1		1		<u> </u>					
	Data availability (completeness)	1				 					
	Rate of IPD meta-analyses / all requests			1							
	Reasons for request, research plan and experience of DS		1								
	For repositories/platforms										
	Data release after a request		2	5		1					
Actual data sharing	Approval of data release		2	1							
	Data availability		3								
	Number of downloads			2							
	Number of DS agreement, speed of data availability		1	1							
	Database access			1							
	For other stakeholders										
	Number of downloads and page hits for any public access			1							
	Re-use of data by independent data monitoring committees					1					
	Cost of preparing the data for data generators					1					
	Further additional analyses				-						
	Approved proposals by subject areas			1							
	IPD meta-analyses										
	Proposals for IPD-meta-analyses and one concrete example			1							
	Re-analyses										
Re-use	Reproducibility on primary outcomes		2								
	Any type of re-use										
	Type of re-use			2							
	Progression of the analysis			1		1					
Output from data sharing	Listing of type of studies performed	-		1							
	Project completion		1								
	Published re-use	-									
	Publication of re-use (papers)		2	9		2					
	Manuscripts in peer review			1							
	Request discontinued			1							
	Communication of re-use (oral presentation, posters)					1					
	Quantitative metrics for published articles										
Impact of research output	Citation metrics		1	1							
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	Crowd voting		1								

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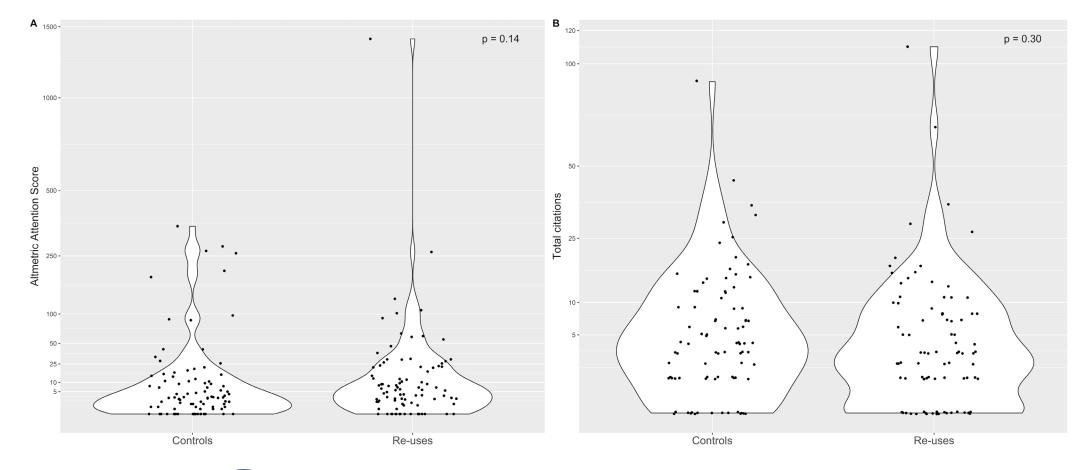




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Social media attention and citations of published outputs from re-use of clinical trial data: a matched comparison with articles published in the same journals

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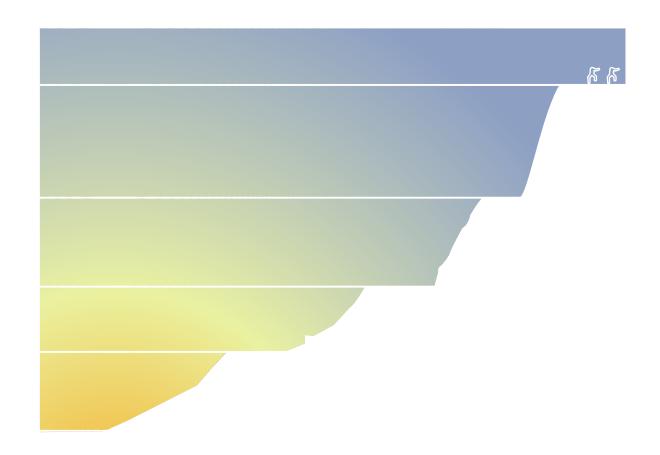




CITATIONS

Learning What We Didn't Know — The SPRINT Data Analysis Challenge

Nancy S. Burns and Pamela W. Miller



Entries were judged on the basis of novelty, applicability to clinical practice, and soundness of methods. The judges were 15 recognized experts who represented the three primary constituencies—clinical trialists, data analysts, and patients. In addition to being reviewed by one representative from each constituency, all entries were opened to the public for voting.

SPRINTing to the Finish.

A total of 279 groups requested data from BioLINCC, 218 individuals and teams entered the qualifying round, 200 qualified, and 143 of the entries to the Challenge round were judged.



- Implementation of the policy leads to suboptimal Intention to share:
 - In published RCTs
 - In registered RCTs
- Intention to share does not imply effective data-sharing
- Intention to share does not imply more published re-uses
- To date few datasets were re-used from data-sharing platforms:
 - A majority of secondary analyses
 - A large number of IPD
 - Very few re-analyses
- Data re-use does not imply the impact of the re-use



Change the norms?

Identified challenge	Suggested change to the ICMJE policy	Evaluation component
Poor implementation of the policy by ICMJE-affiliated journals	To certify ICMJE-affiliated journals based on their implementation of the policy. This could be facilitated if journals have a reproducibility research editor.	Developing software to monitor journals' implementation of ICMJE policy, e.g. in line with the TOP factor developed by the Center for Open Science.
Suboptimal intention to share data by RCTs published in ICMJE-journals with a data-sharing policy	Policies should require data-sharing unless major obstacles exist.	Monitoring ICMJE-affiliated journals' enforcement of the policy by implementing software to check whether papers offer data-sharing, similar to that proposed by the Berlin QUEST center.
Suboptimal intention to share data by RCTs in clinical trial registration on databases such as clinical trials.gov for funders with a data-sharing policy.	Policies should require the use of registries making intention to share data mandatory.	Monitoring compliance with funders/sponsors' policies by implementing software to check whether data-sharing plans offer data-sharing, and reporting of this information by funders/sponsors, e.g. Trial Tracker for clinical trial results, and the Good Pharma Scorecard (https://bioethicsinternational.org/good-pharma-scorecard/) for pharmaceutical firms.
"Data-sharing upon request" is not sufficient to ensure that data are shared	Policies should favor data deposition when it is ethically possible. Policies should also outline more clearly the procedures that data requesters should follow and how journals can reinforce data-sharing in case of non-compliance with promises.	Monitoring data availability by implementing practical tests of the policy. Performing interventional studies to evaluate mechanisms of sanction and incentives.
Impact of clinical trial data-sharing is still insufficiently documented.	State explicitly that policy aiming to reform medical science needs to be evidence-based. Policy should be continuously informed and revised via a strong evaluation component.	Defining and testing best practices in clinical trial data- sharing to maximize clinical trial value. Prospectively monitoring the impact of data-sharing policies on the progress of medical research, using observational and interventional designs. This implies developing a tool to identify clinical trial data re-use and then to track the impact of re-uses. Portals are needed that collect this type of data from a wide range of sources (journals, funders, repositories) since currently, all this information is siloed.





Some identified challenges, suggestions and evaluation components for the ICMJE data-sharing policy

Stakeholders	Proposed action
ICMJE	Should certify compliance, adopt more binding policies, and clarify when clinical trial data-sharing is required and ethically possible.
Journals	Should provide oversight with editorial screening (e.g. by a reproducible research editor) and software screening (e.g. by implementing an IT-infrastructure to verify data-sharing processes described in submitted data-sharing plans). Should postpone future publications from authors if they have not shared their data from previous manuscripts in their journal despite a promise to do so.
Funders/institutions	Should monitor and reward data-sharing. Should provide technical/regulatory guidance for clinical trial data-sharing. Should implement Data Use and Access Committees (DUACs). Should withhold support from investigators not sharing data. Should support meta-research efforts that evaluate the impact of clinical trial data-sharing.
Researchers	Should commit to sharing data. Should engage in evaluating the impact of clinical trial data-sharing and provide the necessary feedback to improve the policy.

Proposed actions for various stakeholders to ensure that the ICMJE policy meets the mark

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Clinical trial data sharing statement

- To ensure that no researcher or research sponsor is left without a solution to help draft a clinical trial data sharing statement (DSS).
- To promote responsible sharing of data from clinical trials.



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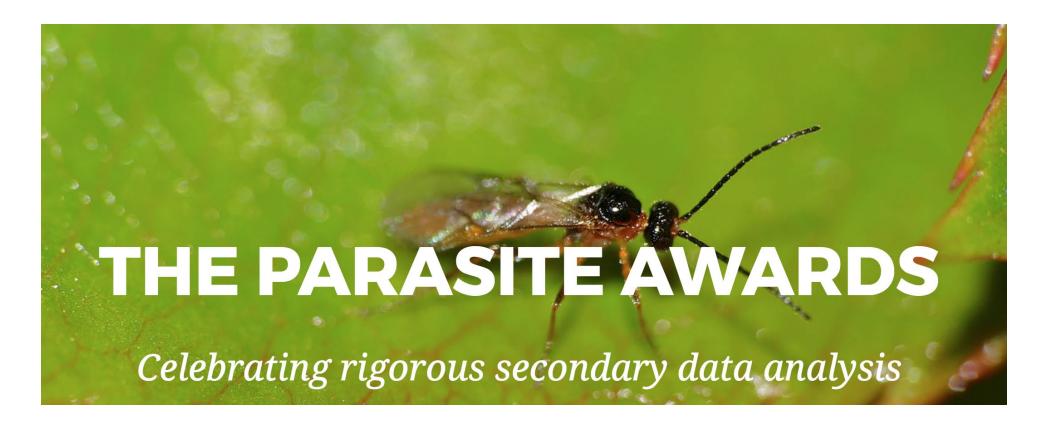
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A second concern held by some is that a new class of research person will emerge — people who had nothing to do with the design and execution of the study but use another group's data for their own ends, possibly stealing from the research productivity planned by the data gatherers, or even use the data to try to disprove what the original investigators had posited. There is concern among some front-line researchers that the system will be taken over by what some researchers have characterized as "research parasites."

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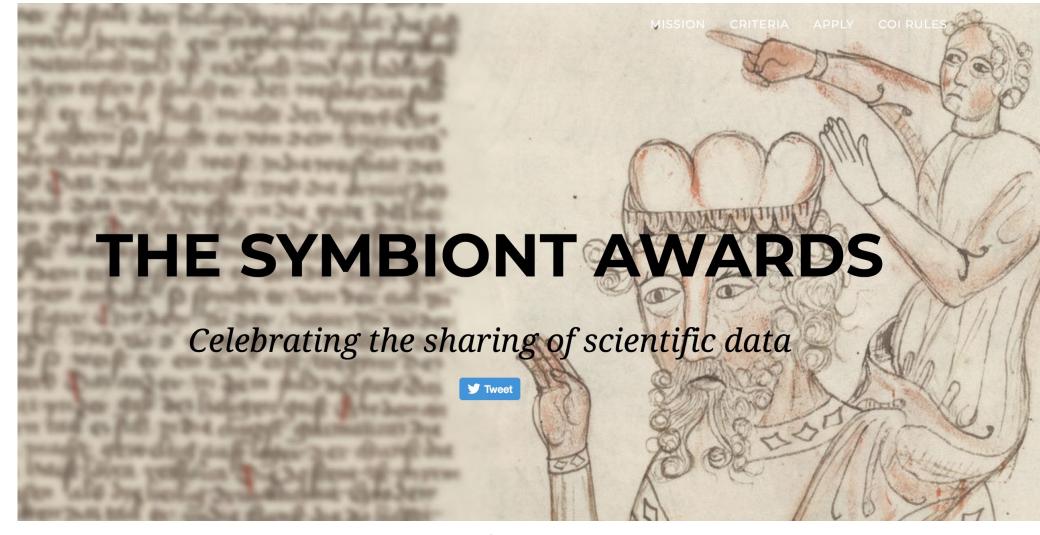
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Indicators of responsible research practices

Example Indicators

▼ Knowledge synthesis **Importance ▼** Priority-setting exercise Stage Stakeholder(s) engagement Exploratory or confirmatory, Study useful and relevant research that **☑** Open protocols **Formulation** builds on previous findings **✓** (Pre)registration Reuse of protocol by others Reduces publication bias and other reporting biases **Study Design** · Enhances reproducibility ▼ Quality assurance of data · Specifies exploratory and confirmatory parts **▼** Data sharing Sharing materials · Allows data aggregation, **Study Conduct** data reuse, and Reuse of data/materials transparency by others Enhances reproducibility **Analysis** Separates data-driven analyses Analytical code sharing and hypothesis testing Reporting Enhances openness and accessibility ▼ Transparency and Specifies exploratory and **Publication ▼** Open access confirmatory findings ▼ Use of reporting guidelines Focuses on outcomes, essential subsequent studies, Dissemination knowledge transfer and Altmetrics impact of research Citation **Impact** Specific markers for impact on research, practice and society yes/no indicators numerical indicators

ESSAY

The Hong Kong Principles for assessing researchers: Fostering research integrity

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Fig 1. Indicators of responsible research practices.

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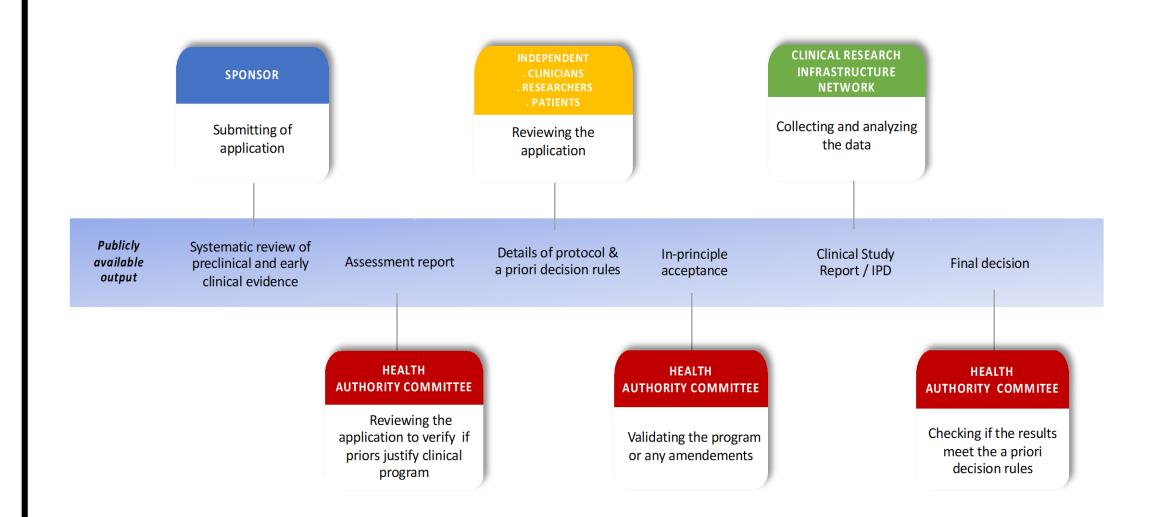
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